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(DO/EO/US) CONCERNING A FILING UNDER 35 U.S.C. 371

ATTORNEY'S DOCKET NUMBER		
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U.S. APPLICATION NO. (if known, see 37 C.F.R. 1.5)		
INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION NO.	INTERNATIONAL FILING DATE	EARLIEST PRIORITY DATE CLAIMED
PCT/JP03/011903	September 18, 2003	September 18, 2002
TITLE OF INVENTION		
SURFACE PROCESSING METHOD		
APPLICANT(S) FOR DO/EO/US		
TANIGUCHI, Jun		

Applicant herewith submits to the United States Designated/Elected Office (DO/EO/US) the following items and other information by **Express Mail**:

- X 1. This is a **FIRST** submission of items concerning a filing under 35 U.S.C. 371.
2. This is a **SECOND** or **SUBSEQUENT** submission of items concerning a filing under 37 U.S.C. 371.
3. This is an express request to begin national examination procedures (35 U.S.C. 371(f)). The submission must include items (5), (6), (9) and (21) indicated below.
- X 4. The US has been elected (Article 31).
- X 5. A copy of the International Application as filed (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(2))
- a. is attached hereto (required only if not communicated by the International Bureau).
- X b. has been communicated by the International Bureau.
- c. is not required, as the application was filed in the United States Receiving Office (RO/US).
- X 6. An English language translation of the International Application as filed (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(2)).

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- ☒ 7. Amendments to the claims of the International Application under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(3))
- _____ a. are attached hereto (required only if not communicated by the International Bureau).
- _____ b. have been communicated by the International Bureau.
- _____ c. have not been made; however, the time limit for making such amendments has NOT expired.
- ☒ d. have not been made and will not be made.
- _____ 8. An English language translation of the amendments to the claims under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(3)).
- _____ 9. An oath or declaration of the inventor(s) (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(4)).
- _____ 10. An English language translation of the annexes to the International Preliminary Examination Report under PCT Article 36 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(5)).

Items 11 to 20 below concern document(s) or information included:

- ☒ 11. An Information Disclosure Statement under 37 C.F.R. 1.97 and 1.98.
- _____ 12. An assignment document for recording. A separate cover sheet in compliance with 37 C.F.R. 3.28 and 3.31 is included.
- ☒ 13. A preliminary amendment.
- _____ 14. An Application Data Sheet under 37 C.F.R. 1.76..
- _____ 15. A substitute specification.
- _____ 16. A power of attorney and/or change of address letter.
- _____ 17. A computer-readable form of the sequence listing in accordance with PCT Rule 13^{ter}.2 and 37 C.F.R. 1.821 – 1.825.
- _____ 18. A second copy of the published international application under 35 U.S.C. 154(d)(4).
- _____ 19. A second copy of the English language translation of the international application under 35 U.S.C. 154(d)(4).
- _____ 20. Other items or information: International Search Report.

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The following fees are submitted:				CALCULATIONS	
21. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> a) Basic national fee..... \$300.00				\$300.00	
22. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> b) Examination fee				\$200.00	
If International preliminary examination report prepared by USPTO and all claims satisfy provisions of PCT Article 33(1)-(4) \$100.00					
All other situations..... \$200.00					
23. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> c) Search fee				\$400.00	
Search fee (37 CFR 1.445(a)(2)) has been paid on the international application to the USPTO as an International Searching Authority \$100.00					
International Search Report prepared and provided to the Office \$400.00					
All other situations..... \$500.00					
TOTAL OF ABOVE CALCULATIONS = \$1,000.00				\$900.00	
____ Additional fee for specification and drawings filed in paper over 100 sheets (excluding sequence listing or computer program listing filed in an electronic medium). The fee is \$250.00 for each additional 50 sheets of paper or fraction thereof.					
Total Sheets	Extra Sheets	Number of each additional 50 or fraction thereof (round up to a whole number)	Rate		
- 100 =	/50=		x \$250	\$0	
Surcharge of \$130.00 for furnishing the oath or declaration later than 30 months from the earliest claimed priority date (37 CFR 1.492(h)).				\$	
CLAIMS	NUMBER FILED	NUMBER EXTRA	RATE		
Total claims	60- 20 =	30	30x \$50.00	\$1500	
Independent claims	13- 3 =	10	10x \$200.00	\$2000	
MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIMS(S) (if applicable)			+ \$360.00	\$0	
TOTAL OF ABOVE CALCULATIONS =				\$4400	
____ Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27. The fees indicated above are reduced by 1/2.				\$0	
SUBTOTAL =				\$4400	
Processing fee of \$130.00 for furnishing the English translation later than 30 months from the earliest claimed priority date (37 CFR 1.492(i)).				\$0	
TOTAL NATIONAL FEE =				\$4400	
Fee for recording the enclosed assignment (37 CFR 1.21(h)). The assignment must be accompanied by an appropriate cover sheet (37 CFR 3.28, 3.31). \$40.00 per property.				\$0	
TOTAL FEES ENCLOSED =				\$4400	
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- X a. Check No. 162135 in the amount of \$4400 to cover the above fees is enclosed.
- b. Please charge my Deposit Account No. in the amount of \$ to cover the above fees. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.
- X c. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 03-1740. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

NOTE: Where an appropriate time limit under 37 CFR 1.495 has not been met, a petition to revive (37 CFR 1.137(a) or (b)) must be filed and granted to restore the application to pending status.

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